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Letter dated 27 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a statement of the Presidency of the European Community on the appointment of the United Nations High-level Coordinator for Emergency Assistance, issued at Lisbon on 21 February 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under item 37 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Statement on the appointment of the United Nations High-level Coordinator for Emergency Assistance

The Community and its member States welcome the decision of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to appoint Ambassador Jan Eliasson to the post of High-level Emergency Assistance Coordinator, and express their confidence that this step will contribute decisively to an early implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/182 on the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance.

The Community and its member States remain deeply committed to ensuring prompt relief to victims of catastrophes and emergency situations, as well as to the effective coordination of the actions of United Nations agencies in this field. Recalling the declaration of the European Council on 29 June 1991, which stated that strengthened coordination would be carried out in Geneva, they take note with interest of the Swiss Government's proposal to make available the necessary facilities in Geneva, where most of the international organizations involved are based.